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## From the President's Desk

Need philatelic information? We will have it at the next meeting. Our library will have our annual **"BOOK SALE"**.

George Struble is retiring from his position of director of Exhibits. We are looking for someone to take over this position or at the very least to help George. If you are interested, please call George or any board member.

At the last board meeting, we authorized the expenditure of \$4000 for the purchase of collection/s to add to our clubs dwindling inventory of stamps for our monthly auctions, bid boards, door prizes, etc.. We have some prospects, but if you are aware of any appropriate collections for sale, contact Bob or any board member.

PIPEX, PIPEX, PIPEX!!! 3 days in May to get your stamp show fix. Come enjoy the show -better yet - enjoy the show AND volunteer to spend an hour or so at our club booth. May 5, 6, and 7 at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. See you there.

**Mike Braet**

## April Meeting.

Our meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> was very well attended with almost 40 members either in the room or on Zoom. Twenty different members bought 42 of the 60 lots on offer in the April Bid Board for a total of over \$550. We also sold \$70 worth of raffle tickets, an unusually high amount. The special offer of 6 for \$5 seems to be very popular!

George Stellingwerf gave a very interesting and disturbing presentation on "Modern Counterfeits." He had a folder full of examples of forgeries and counterfeits from different periods. Forgeries (intended to defraud collectors), fakes (alterations to genuine stamps to enhance value and defraud collectors) and counterfeits (intended to defraud the stamp-issuing authorities) have been around since the 1850's. Some forgeries are of such exceptional quality that they are collected as such and have some value. More recently however the scale of counterfeiting regular postage stamps has escalated and has now become a major problem both to the Postal Services and to the public. Many of the counterfeit

stamps look good enough to deceive at first sight but can all be detected on closer inspection or by more sophisticated equipment (so far).

**Postage Rates.** The cost of posting this Newsletter is set to increase again in July to 66c. Please let me know if you would be willing to switch from delivery by USPS to email—it is less expensive, quicker, and in color.

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## May 17th Meeting.

Our May meeting promises to be a busy, entertaining and rewarding evening! Lisa Janz, our Society VP and Librarian, has organized a Book Sale. All proceeds will be returned to the Library funds to enhance and update our stock. Items for sale include Scott catalogues from previous years as well as other philatelic treasures. There will plenty of bargains on offer so please come and have a browse and treat yourself to some good reads.

George Struble will give a preview of his PIPEX presentation "Getting Swiss Air Mail off the Ground 1913—1923." This talk will be given on Friday May 5th in association with the American Air Mail Society—one of the convening societies at this year's PIPEX show.

The May meeting will also be a **Members' Swap Night** so please bring along your duplicate or unwanted items to sell or trade or barter with the membership. This is a great opportunity to show your friends and colleagues what you collect and learn about their interests.

Bob Reynolds has put together a smaller than usual Bid Board for May because of the busy agenda.

A list of the items on offer is given below, there are no scanned images of selected lots this month.

## Club News.

The programs for upcoming meetings were agreed at a recent Board Meeting:

**May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023** Book Sale, Bid Board and Program by George Struble **June 21<sup>st</sup> 2023** Club Auction and Members' Show-and-Tell.

**July 19<sup>th</sup> 2023** Members' Auction.

**August 16<sup>th</sup> 2023** Bid Board. Program by Steve Staton on "Buffalo Soldiers" (to be confirmed).

**September 20<sup>th</sup> 2023** Members' Swap night.

**November 15<sup>th</sup> 2023** AGM and Election of Society Officers and Board Members.

**December 6<sup>th</sup> 2023** has been reserved for our Christmas Party at the Scottish Rite Center

## Dues!

Treasurer Alan Maul is still requesting membership dues for 2023, please see him at the next meeting or send a check to Salem Stamp Society, PO Box 202, Salem, OR 97308.

### May 2023 Bidboard Salem Stamp Society

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LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT		NOTES
				VALUE	MIN BID	
1	United States	1893 4 cent Columbian unused, regummed	233	\$50.00	\$10.00	Nice Color
2	United States	1970's Misc Definitives, MNH - Face \$14.00			\$14.00	
3	United States	1999-2000 Celebrate the Century Sheet set, MNH		\$123.00	\$50.00	
4	United States	1970's Misc Plate Blocks, P# blocks Face \$70			\$50.00	
5	United States	1970's 18 Souvenir Cards			\$5.00	
6	United Nations	1994 NY, Geneva, Vienna, Endangered Species year sets			\$20.00	
7	United Nations	1995 NY, Geneva, Vienna, Endangered Species year sets			\$20.00	
8	United Nations	2001 NY, Geneva, Vienna, Endangered Species year sets			\$25.00	
9	United Nations	1970-80's Misc Flag Sheets \$250+ face value			\$125.00	
10	Algeria	Pre 1970's collection of about 300 mint & used			\$15.00	
11	Eritrea	Mini collection of 12 mint & used		\$28.55	\$5.00	
12	Germany-Morocco	32 mint & used stamps - Germany Offices in Morocco		\$75.05	\$10.00	
13	Muscat & Oman	1957 Surcharge Set, Mint HR	65-75	\$9.35	\$2.00	
14	Portugal	1992 set of Columbus S/S's MNH	1918-23	\$21.00	\$7.00	
15	St Vincent	21 S/S & 4 sets 1980's-1990's		\$135.00	\$20.00	
16	Showgard Mounts	7 opened packs of small S/S size mounts			\$10.00	
17	Showgard Mounts	8 opened packs of Misc S/S size mounts			\$10.00	
18	Showgard Mounts	10 opened packs of Large S/S size mounts			\$15.00	
19	Scott Blank Pages	1 sealed pack & 1 opened pack of Scott National Pages			\$5.00	
20	Varios	2 sealed sheet size packs of Varios			\$5.00	



## **PIPEX 2023.**

With PIPEX starting in May 5th we thought it might be useful to read again Gary Tiffin's advice for anyone going to a major international stamp show for the first time.

### **TIPS FOR ATTENDING A MAJOR STAMP SHOW**

First day: usually very crowded and busy. Come late in day.

Some dealers are willing to sell for less late on Sunday

Dealers do not raise prices for major shows. They do bring expensive material and extra consignment items.

Operate from specific want lists, or ask for specific items.

Do not occupy a chair for long at a busy booth, if you are just browsing or hunting for an inexpensive item. Be sensitive to available space and the traffic at the table.

Be sure to visit the exhibits – you will see material rarely seen in Oregon!

When you arrive, circulate and/or scope out the room and target which booths likely can help you find what you want. The show directory/program can also help you do this.

If you are looking for topicals, ask the dealer if his/her material is organized by topic. Many dealers are able to locate topical stock even if they are organized by country.

Most dealers will take checks, credit cards, and some will accept cash too!

Food will be expensive

Never sell or negotiate with another collector at a dealer's table. They have paid to sell from that table and it is unethical to utilize that space for selling/buying.

Even if you attend for one day only, you will have time to visit many exhibits, booths, and venues. Relax, sit a while, and enjoy.

Do not forget the seminars that are listed in the program.

Drop by our Club booth – see if you can help or free someone for a break, recruit a new club member.

**Gary Tiffin**

THE NW FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS PRESENTS  
THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXPOSITION

# PIPEX2023

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
OPENING OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY



**MAY 5-7, 2023**  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10AM-6PM SUNDAY 10AM-4PM

NEW LOCATION MONARCH HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER  
12566 SE 93RD AVENUE CLACKAMAS, OREGON

34 STAMP DEALER BOOTHS  
150 EXHIBIT FRAMES  
3 CONVENING SOCIETIES

AMERICAN HELVETIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY  
PACIFIC NW POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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## PIPEX2023

VISIT [PIPEXSTAMPSHOW.ORG](http://PIPEXSTAMPSHOW.ORG) TO:

- REGISTER ONLINE
- BOOK THE SHOW HOTEL AT THE SPECIAL RATE
- BUY AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS
- VIEW THE SHOW SCHEDULE, DEALER AND EXHIBITOR LISTINGS
- VOLUNTEER
- MAKE A DONATION

Ⓜ SPECIAL EXHIBIT NOTE: THIS "HYBRID" SHOW WILL BE AN IN-PERSON SHOW WITH VIRTUAL JUDGING OF 55 EXHIBITS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. THE ONLINE EXHIBITS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND AT A VIEWING AREA AT THE SHOW, ALONG WITH 150 FRAMES ON THE FLOOR.

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## **PIPEX 2023 Stamp Show – May 5<sup>th</sup>** **to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

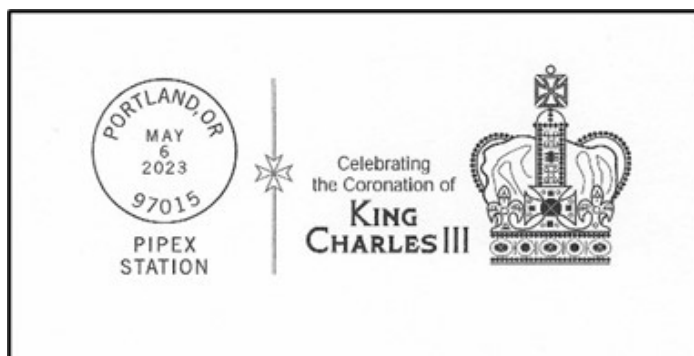
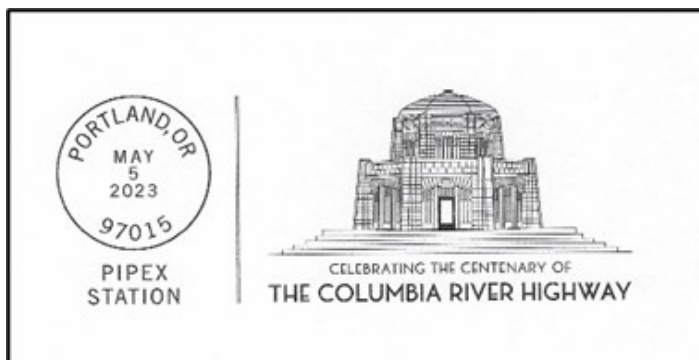
PIPEX 2023, a World Series of Philately show in the Pacific Northwest is presented by Portland Philatelic Exhibitions on behalf of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs and Oregon Stamp Society. Uptown Stamp Show is the corporate sponsor. Our new venue for the show is the Monarch Hotel and Convention Center, Clackamas, OR. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to the nearby PDX airport, special room rates to attendees and free parking. Admission to the show is free and show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

PIPEX continues to break new ground this year by holding a hybrid show. All exhibits have been mounted virtually on the PIPEX website where they can be viewed and will be judged. This arrangement has attracted over 60 competitive exhibits including 23 from overseas from 10 different countries. Exhibitors are also encouraged to bring their exhibits to be mounted on the show floor for all attendees to enjoy. Many of the presentations at the show will also be hybrid allowing remote viewers to attend by Zoom.

The show will feature approximately 30 dealer booths, 152 exhibit frames, Stamp Buddy, a silent auction and Grandma's Attic. The theme of this year's show is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Columbia River Highway. PIPEX will offer themed cachet covers with a special cancellation. The coronation of King Charles III takes place on the Saturday of the show and an additional themed cover and special cancellation will also be available on that day. The cachets were designed by Niko Courtelis and are illustrated below.

Convening organizations at PIPEX 2023 include the American Air Mail Society, the American Helvetia Philatelic Society and the Pacific Northwest Postal History Society. PIPEX is the annual exhibition of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs which will hold its AGM at the show. Other societies will be represented at the show and will offer programs.

Much more information about the show including a schedule of events, lists of exhibits and dealers, pre-registration and a link for hotel reservations are available at [www.pipexstampshow.org](http://www.pipexstampshow.org)



This article about PIPEX 2023 appeared in the April edition of Linn's Monthly Magazine and was written by the Newsletter Editor. We hope to see you at the show!

Covers with the cachets and show cancellations can be ordered on line at the PIPEX web site and will be available at the Registration desk. The price is \$3 each or \$5 for two.



## Deadline Fast Approaching for Using Britain's Machin Definitive Stamps.

A recent package reminded me that the deadline for using up older definitive stamps without barcodes in the UK is coming soon. The familiar Machin stamps will no longer be valid after 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023. The stamps can be swapped out at the Royal Mail for replacements with the new design (details were provided in the December 2022 edition of Willamette Stamp & Tongs) but for companies like Stanley Gibbons this must be a big job! My package from Gibbons obviously provided an opportunity to use up some of their stock.



## Two Machin Exhibits at PIPEX 2023.

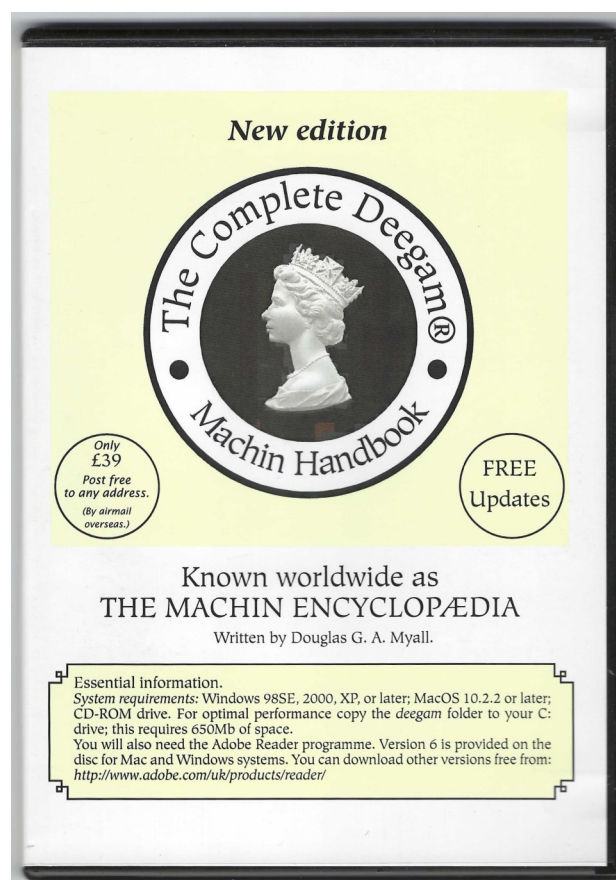
Britain's Machin stamps have provided a rich vein of philatelic interest to collectors for over 50 years. They can be studied and collected at many different levels of specialization requiring, for the most part, only a good eye, a magnifying glass and preferably a UV lamp equipped with long and short wavelength bulbs.

There are literally thousands of distinct Machin stamps that have been identified making the study of them quite complex. Over the 50+ years that they have been in use there have been changes to the design of the Queen's head and values, paper coatings, phosphor bands, gums, underprints, graphic bands, over-varnishes, microprinting, optical effect coatings and probably others. The Gibbons Specialized catalogues and especially the "Deegam" handbooks and software (see below) are very helpful guides to understanding and iden-

tifying the different Machin varieties.

The development and evolution of the Machin stamps is the subject of two excellent and impressive exhibits by Steve McGill at PIPEX 2023. They are entitled "Britain's Marvelous Machins" and "The British Non-Denominated Definitive Series 1989-2022". These are well worth viewing online on the PIPEX web site.

Their development illustrates how stamp design and the evolution of automated mail handling technology went hand in hand. It also demonstrates the increasing need for better security features to counter the upsurge in counterfeiting. The emergence of non-denominated stamps (1st and 2nd class stamps in the UK, Forever in the US) and the ability to buy stamps from non-post office commercial and internet sources has been a boon to the counterfeiters. The failure of Post Office to cancel all stamps on mail (see my package above) has enabled reuse of stamps and declining revenues have contributed to the problem both here and in the UK. One partial solution would be to restrict sales of stamps to official Post Office outlets so tightening the supply chain.



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## **Events**

### **May 2023 Meeting**

**In-Person & Zoom Meeting**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm** (doors open at 6pm) in the Scottish Rite Center, Commercial St., S. Salem.  
**Program: Book Sale, Bid Board, Members' Swap Night and Presentation by George Struble "Getting Swiss Air Mail off the Ground 1913—1923."**

### **June 2023 Meeting**

**In-Person & Zoom Meeting**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7pm** (doors open at 6pm) in the Scottish Rite Center, Commercial St., S. Salem.  
**Program: Club Auction and Members' Show-and-Tell.**

## **Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2022**

### **Local Events**

#### **Repetitive Events:**

**Oregon Stamp Society: Rose City Stamp Fair -**  
**2nd Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse**  
**4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland 9:00am-3:00 pm**  
**Collectors' Corner - 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month**  
**at OSS clubhouse 9:00 am.- 3:00 pm**

#### **2023 Major Shows:**

**PIPEX 2023, May 5-7 at the Monarch Hotel & Conference Center,**  
**Clackamas, OR**

**GASS, August 10-13, Huntington Conv. Center, Cleveland, OH**